announcement by President Ershad that a Bill to this end will be introduced in the Bangladesh Parliament. India's commitment to democracy and secularism is unwavering. While recognising that this is an internal matter of Bangladesh, Government hope that this shall not affect the position of the minorities in that country.

Violation of ban on advertisements by the liquor companies

3081. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the violation of the ban on advertising by the liquor companies by advertising the same brand names in identical packages of mineral water; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take immediated action against all such defaulters, including the news papers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The required information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Appeal by Government against the orders of the Central Administrative Tribunals

3082. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Administrative Tribunals were set up primarily for speedy disposal of service cases of Government employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department of Personnel had made it clear that the Tribunals would act as a substitute to High Courts, where employees' cases dragged on for the years on account of heavy backlog;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite the Department of Personnels directive, Government were going in appeal to the Supreme Court against the orders of the Tribunals in large number of cases; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. From the date of setting up of the Central Administrative Tribunal all Courts except the Supreme Court cease to have jurisdiction in respect of service cases of Central Government employees.

(c) and (d) As the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court has not been barred in service cases of Central Government employees to aggrieved parties have the choice to go in appeal to the Supreme Court against the judgements given by the CAT. The various Ministries/Departments generally prefer appeal in the Supreme Court based on the merits of the case and after considering the legal points.

Clearance of National AIDS Control Programme

3083. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the speedy spread of the AIDS virus in the country over the past one and half year the Planning Commission has not given clearance to the proposal of the Health Ministry to launch a National AIDS Control Programme costing Rs. 9 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not been able to accommodate the requests from the States for the setting up of surveillance centres; and